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## **ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121**

This communication is submitted in response to the election requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 1, 2006.

In the Office Action, a requirement is set forth to elect one of allegedly patentably distinct species including: (1) claim 1-18 and 27-34, drawn to an apparatus; (2) claims 19-26. drawn to an apparatus; and (3) claims 35-43. drawn to a method.

In response, Applicants hereby elect claims 35-43, drawn to a method.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

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